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SUBJ: GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT 23-24 JUNE

1. DOCUMENTS ALREADY POUCHED WASHINGTON FOR SUBJECT MEETING
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA. COM.TD/W/253 POUCHED
JUNE 6;

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY THE SECRETARIAT TO THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. COM.TD/W/252 POUCHED JUNE 10;

EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
COM.TD/W/256 POUCHED JUNE 10;

DEVELOPMENTS IN MTN. COM.TD/W/255 POUCHED JUNE 10;

BACKGROUND NOTE FOR REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV.
COM.TD/W/254 POUCHED JUNE 10.

2. OUTSTANDING DOCUMENT STILL TO BE RECEIVED IS
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COM.TD/W/257, REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL
TRADE. REMAINING DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN ANNOTATED
PROVISIONAL AGENDA CITED ABOCE ARE DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY
ISSUED WHICH SHOULD BE ON FILE IN WASHINGTON .

3. PARAGRAPHS 14 AND 32 OF BACKGROUND NOTE FOR REVIEW
OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV (COM.TD/W/254) WHICH APPLY

TO U.S. ACTIONS READ AS FOLLOWS:

"14. IN ITS GSP FOR 1977 THE UNITED STATES HAS GRANTED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO FORTY-FIVE ITEMS NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED. IT HAS ALSO IMPLEMENTED CHANGES REQUIRED BY THE COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATION PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. AS A RESULT OF THESE PROVISIONS, GSP ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM COUNTRIES IN RESPECT OF ITEMS FOR WHICH EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THOSE COUNTRIES EXCEEDED IN 1976 BUT NOT IN 1975, THE SPECIFIED CEILINGS, AND EXTENDED GSP ELIGIBILITY TO SOME ITEMS FROM COUNTRIES WHOSE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1976 BUT NOT IN 1975, FELL BELOW THE CEILINGS. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES EFFECTED ON 27 JANUARY 1976, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO ITS RULES OF ORIGIN (L/4299/ADD.5 AND 6)."

"32. THE UNITED STATES HAS, AS OF 15 MARCH 1977, IMPOSED AN ADDITIONAL 21.4 PER CENT DUTY ON IMPORTS OF COTTON YARN FROM BRAZIL. THIS COUNTERVAILING DUTY IS OVER AND ABOVE THE NORMAL TARIFFS ON SUCH PRODUCTS WHICH RANGE FROM A MINIMUM OF 3.4 PERCENT TO A MAXIMUM OF 16.25 PER CENT PLUS 3.6 CENTS PER POUND. FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION AND REPORT BY THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION ON THE DOMESTIC SUGAR INDUSTRY, THE PRESIDENT, ON 4 MAY 1977, DETERMINED THAT A REMEDY INVOLVING IMPORT RESTRAINTS, ACHIEVED EITHER THROUGH IMPORT QUOTAS OR TARIFF INCREASES, WOULD NOT BE A DESIRABLE COURSE OF ACTION. IN NOTING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD PROVIDE LONG-TERM ASSURANCES OF GREATER STABILITY IN WORLD PRICES AND SUPPLIES, THE PRESIDENT INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO INSTITUTE AN INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION TO GROWERS OF UP TO 2 CENTS A POUND FOR SALES AT MARKET PRICES BELOW 13.5 CENTS PER POUND (L/4481 AND ADD.1). THE PRESIDENT ALSO DECLINED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION TO GRANT IMPORT RELIEF TO DOMESTIC PRODUCERS OF MUSHROOMS AND FOOTWEAR (L/4478 AND ADD.1; L/4477 AND ADD.1). HOWEVER, HE ORDERED THE CONTINUED MONITORING OF MUSHROOM IMPORTS AND DOMESTIC MARKET CONDITIONS, AND DIRECTED A MAJOR NEW FEDERAL TRADE ADJUSTMENT EFFORT TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO ASSIST THE DOMESTIC FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY TO BECOME MORE COMPETITIVE. TO FACILITATE THIS EFFORT, THE PRESIDENT INSTRUCTED HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TO SEEK WITHIN NINETY DAYS, TEMPORARY

AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN FOOTWEAR EXPORTING NATIONS DESIGNED TO MODERATE RECENT RAPID SHIFTS IN TRADE CAUSING INJURY TO UNITED STATES SHOE FIRMS, WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES. THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO ORDERED A FULL REVIEW OF ALL EXISTING FEDERAL TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONGRESS FOR AN EFFECTIVE NEW PROGRAMME, ALSO WITHIN NINETY DAYS (L/4477/ADD.1)."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: LIST OF U.S. ACTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN QUOTED PARAGRAPHS ABOVE TAKEN DURING THE PAST YEAR AFFECTING LDC TRADE OF LDC'S, PARTICULARLY ANY TRADE-LIBERALIZING ACTIONS (OR THOSE RESISTING PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES). WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME CONTINGENCY TALKING POINTS ON SPECIFIC U.S. TRADE RESTRICTIVE ACTIONS LIKELY TO COME UNDER FIRE FROM LDC'S (SUCH AS COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION ON BRAZIL TEXTILES NOTED ABOVE) AND CURRENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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